

HOUSE No. 178

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh and Brian P. Wallace relative to minimum staffing levels in collective bargaining negotiations. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LABOR RELATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 6 of Chapter 150E, as appearing in the
2 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 7,
3 between the words “workload,” and “but” the following new lan-
4 guage: “and in the case of fire personnel, minimum manning of
5 shift coverage,”.

1 SECTION 2. The fifth paragraph of clause (a) of subdivision 3
2 of Section 4A of Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973 is hereby
3 amended by striking out, in the fourth sentence the following
4 words: “Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the
5 contrary, no municipal employer shall be required to negotiate
6 over subjects of minimum manning of shift coverage, with an
7 employee organization representing municipal police officers and
8 fire fighters.” and inserting in place thereof the following new
9 sentence:

10 “Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the
11 contrary, no municipal employer shall be required to negotiate
12 over the subject of the total number of fire or police personnel to
13 be employed by the municipality; however, the subject of min-
14 imum manning of shift coverage shall be within the scope of arbi-
15 tration with an employee organization representing firefighters.”